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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the March 20, 2003 Restriction Requirement, the Examiner is requiring a restriction election between the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-4, drawn to a method for identifying a transcribed genomic region, the method comprising hybridization a nucleic acid sample with nucleic acid probes, wherein the probes are designate to interrogate potential transcripts, classified in class 435, subclass 6, for example.
- II. Claims 5-12, drawn to a method for detecting an operon element in a prokaryote, the method comprising hybridizing transcripts of nucleic acids from the organism with probes which interrogate transcription of an intergenic region between two flanking open reading frames, classified in class 435, subclass 6, for example.
- III. Claims 13-16, drawn to a method for detecting a 5' UTR of a gene, the method comprising hybridizing transcripts of nucleic acids from the organism with probes which interrogate transcription of an intergenic region immediately upstream from the gene, classified in class 435, subclass 6, for example.
- IV. Claims 17-20, drawn to a method for detecting a 3' UTR of a gene, the method comprising hybridizing transcript of nucleic acids from the organism with probes

which interrogate transcription of an intergenic region immediately downstream from the gene, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

Applicants hereby elect the claims in Group IV (claims 17-20) without traverse for further prosecution in the above application. Applicants reserve the right to re-present non-elected claims in a divisional or other related application.

No fee is believed to be due with the submission of this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

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